



Wildlife Frequently Asked Questions

What do I do if I see a coyote?

Please complete a Coyote Incident Report of the incident or sighting by contacting the City of Long Beach Animal Care Services at:

(526) 570-7387

Animal Care Services will respond to and impound any wildlife that is:

- **Injured/Sick/Dead**
- **Has been involved in a bite with a human**

If any of these conditions exist, please call the City of Long Beach Animal Care Services.

IMPORTANT

California Code of Regulations (CCR) 679.(f)(4)

Any healthy wildlife trapped in towns or cities or removed from under buildings or otherwise taken or trapped in accordance with Section 4152 or 4180, Fish and Game Code shall be immediately released in the area where trapped or disposed of as directed or authorized by the department. Any such wildlife that has been determined by a veterinarian to be so seriously ill that it cannot be treated shall be euthanized and tested as directed by the appropriate county public health agency or the department.

What is the City's policy on trapping wildlife?

Consistent with State Law, the City of Long Beach Prohibits the Trapping of healthy Wildlife

Animal Care Services will always assist in the capture of wildlife that poses a public health or safety risk.

City of Long Beach Policy

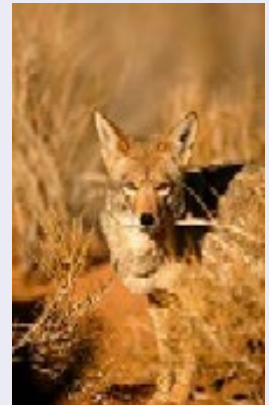
Animal Care Services encourages the healthy co-existence of the public and the natural wildlife. Consistent with the California Code of Regulations, the trapping and destruction of healthy wildlife in the City of Long Beach is strictly prohibited. Any healthy wildlife trapped in the City of Long Beach must be released immediately within the area it was trapped. Animal Care Services will assist in the capture of wildlife that is sick, injured or posing a threat to public safety.

What can I do to protect my pets?

- Keep pet food indoors and do not leave food of any kind outside at night. Food left out at night will be taken as a welcome invitation by wildlife, and may prompt a future visit.
- Keep cats and small dogs indoors or in the close presence of an adult.
- Remove any fruit which has fallen to the ground.
- Store trash in covered, heavy-duty containers.
- Keep yards free from potential shelter such as thick brush and weeds, and enclose the bottoms of porches and decks.
- Eliminate garbage, debris, lumber piles, etc.
- Check fencing and try to eliminate access points to roof tops.
- Change automatic sprinkler settings regularly.

Taking these preventive measures should help in deterring wildlife from visiting your property.

Please remember that if the three (3) life sustaining elements are available (food, water and shelter), you are likely to encounter some wildlife in your area.





Where can I get more information about Coyote activity in the long Beach area?

Effects of urbanization on wildlife populations - In general, as we urbanize an area, we change the character and functionality of the land, air, and water. These changes greatly impact local habitats. As these habitats are impacted, a corresponding shift in wildlife populations occurs.

Nuisance wildlife issues - As we urbanize the land, radical changes occur to sources of food, water, and shelter for wildlife. Some animals respond very well to the changes urbanization brings. In some cases, these animals may become a nuisance.

The City of Long Beach Animal Care Services Bureau recently implemented a revised website. This website contains information regarding urban wildlife and be accessed at:

<http://www.longbeach.gov/acs/wildlife/default.asp>

